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In the Matter of)
Application for Certification for the)
Carlsbad Energy Center Project)
(CECP)

Docket No. 07-AFC-6

MOTION TO REOPEN PROCEEDING AND ACCEPT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

Power of Vision concurs with City of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Redevelopment Agency's motion of March 14, 2011 to reopen proceeding and accept testimony and exhibits on issues relating to worker safety, once-through cooling, Caltrans Highway I-5 widening, SP 144 redevelopment, and the Vista/Carlsbad interceptor sewer plant and coastal rail trail.

Furthermore, in view of the recent earthquake and tsunami disaster that has struck Japan, Power of Vision requests that the proceedings also be reopened and testimony and exhibits be accepted regarding the design adequacy of the CECP in regards to earthquakes and tsunamis.

1. CECP's design criteria for earthquakes are based on old analysis that were conducted prior to the advent of three-dimensional seismic reflection mapping and, as highlighted in the Commission's AB 1632 Report of November 2008, may have underestimated the potential earthquake and tsunami hazards.
2. Section 5.4.3.5.7 of the application indicates a maximum tsunami crest of 11-12 feet, while other estimates for the area along the same fault lines indicate crests of 24-25 feet, and these higher values may still be an underestimate according to CEC AB 1632.
3. Section 5.4.3.5.2 indicates a maximum credible earthquake, MCE, (2% probability of being exceeded in 50 years) would result in a ground acceleration of 0.47g and that the design basis earthquake, DBE, (10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years) is 0.27g and that the CECP will be designed for the 0.27g value. It is worth noting that San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, on the same earthquake fault as CECP, was designed for earth movement of 0.67g and that the Northridge Quake produced ground accelerations of over 1.8g.
4. The berm surrounding the CECP, at elevation 30 ft, consists of untested, possibly uncompacted fill that may be compromised by seismic activity and further eroded by a tsunami surge into Agua Hedionda, allowing sea water to enter the depressed levels of the CECP site and flooding the proposed lower access road. This will further exacerbate

the worker safety hazards in the area, particularly if there is a simultaneous seismic induced gas pipe rupture and fire and no rim road.

Power of Vision appreciates the Commission's review of our request.

Sincerely,

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FOR THE CARLSBAD ENERGY
CENTER PROJECT**

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